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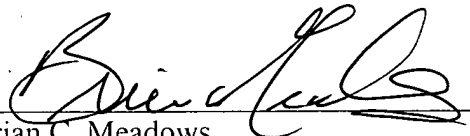
In view of the Amendments set out above, it is respectfully asserted that the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action of August 1, 2003 have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully seek notification of same.

**Request for Extension of Time**

It is respectfully requested that the period for response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2003 be extended for two (2) months, up to and including January 2, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$210.00 representing the fee for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) is enclosed. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

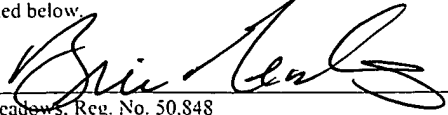
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I hereby certify that this correspondence, including any items indicated as attached or included, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

  
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